



**ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2016
APPROVED 2/08/2016**

**The Animal Advisory Commission convened for a Regular Meeting Monday January 11, 2015
at Austin City Hall, Boards & Commissions Room in Austin, Texas.**

Board Members in Attendance: Larry Tucker, Robert Shaw, Craig Nazor, Isabel Mier, Dr. Kristen Kjellberg, Jonathan Hogue, David Lundstedt, Lisa Mitchell, Angela Means, Palmer Neuhaus, Mike Kaviani

Board Members Absent: none

Staff in Attendance: Joan Hamilton Huber, Tawny Hammond, Kristen Auerbach, Lee Ann Shenefiel

CALL TO ORDER: at 6:02 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. AAC Regular Meetings held on December 14, 2015

Motion to approve the December 14, 2015 meeting minutes made by Commissioner Hogue, second by Commissioner Shaw. Vote unanimous: Commission Member Tucker and Kjellberg not present at vote.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Martina Bluem – Community Cats
John Koepe – Peacocks
Carol Eckart – Peacocks
David Bush – Off leash violations

3. STAFF BRIEFINGS

None

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Update, Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Director's Report

- Chapter 823 Health & Safety Code
- Donation Funds Report

No action or citizen communication

a. Update, Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Dangerous Dog Workgroup

No action taken or citizen communication

b. Update, Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Rental Housing and Breed Restrictions Workgroup

No action or citizen communication

c. Update, Discussion and Possible Action regarding the 2010 No Kill Implementation Plan

No action taken

Citizen Communication: Cathy Melcher – Austin Lost/Found Pets
Stephanie Martin – ”

d. Update, Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Lamar Beach Planning Workgroup

No action taken or citizen communication

5 NEW BUSINESS

a. Review of board authority and action

No action or citizen communication

b. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Pet Trader Ordinance

Citizen Communication: Jennifer Lucas

Commissioner Tucker moved to create a Pet Trader ordinance workgroup, Commissioner Kjellberg second. All commission members voted approval, motion passes.

c. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Austin Pet Month

Commissioner Shaw moved to recommend to Council to support and declare May as Austin Pet Month each year beginning 2016, Commissioner Mier second. All commission members voted approval, motion passes.

Commissioner Shaw moved form an Austin Pet Month work group, Commissioner Kjellberg second. All commission members voted approval, motion passes.

No citizen communication

d. Discussion and Action on Council Committee Agenda Request

1. Training and Control of Animals recommendation

Commissioner Nazor moved to send the Animal Advisory Commission recommendation regarding the training and control of animals as a Council Committee agenda request. Commissioner Hogue second. All commission members voted approval, motion passes.

No citizen communication

2. Wildlife Recommendation

Commissioner Nazor moved to send the Animal Advisory Commission wildlife recommendations as a Council Committee agenda request. Commissioner Shaw seconded. All commission members voted approval, motion passes.

No citizen communication

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Lundstedt stated he is calling a Special Meeting of the Animal Advisory Commission on January 18, 2016 at the Austin Animal Center Multi-Purpose room 6:00pm Agenda item: A meeting with the Animal Farm Foundation and the No Kill Advocacy Center

Commissioner Tucker moved to add under New Business - Discussion and Possible Action for communication to Council regarding Animal Services Executive Team success in 2015. Commissioner Kaviani seconded. All commission members voted approval, motion passes.

Commissioner Tucker moved to add under New Business - Discussion and Possible Action regarding Mayor's Monarch Pledge. Commissioner Mier seconded. All commission members voted approval, motion passes.

Commissioner Tucker moved to add under New Business - Discussion and Possible Action regarding Disaster Preparedness, Commissioner Means second. All commission members voted approval, motion passes.

Commissioner Tucker moved to form a work group to address amending the Animal Advisory Commission By-laws and expansion of county ordinances. Commissioner Shaw seconded. All commission members voted approval, motion passes.

Commissioner Nazor moved to add under Director's Report a presentation regarding dogs at large and the reporting process. Commissioner Mitchell seconded. All commission members voted approval, motion passes.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm